

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A fixation device for fixing a first member in a position relative to a second member, the fixation device ~~comprising~~including:

(a) a shaft having a head and a longitudinal axis;

(b) ~~an~~a first external screw thread on ~~the~~said head;

(c) a first screw portion rotatable about ~~the~~said longitudinal axis;

(d) ~~an~~a first internal screw thread on ~~the~~said first screw portion ~~for engaging~~configured to engage the said first external screw thread ~~on the head~~, to facilitate assembly of the fixation device by screwing the said first screw portion over the said head; and

(e) a second screw portion rotatable about ~~the~~said longitudinal axis independently of ~~the~~said first screw portion;

wherein the first and second screw portions each have an external screw thread ~~in~~having a direction opposite to ~~the~~said first external screw thread on the said head, and said external screw thread configured with said first and second screw portions to engage a bore formed in the first and second members thereby fixing the relative position of the first and second members.

2. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 1, further ~~including~~ comprising a lock nut having ~~ana~~ a second internal screw thread corresponding with ~~the~~ said first external screw ~~shaft~~ thread, and configured to maintain the position of ~~the~~ said second screw portion on ~~the~~ said shaft.

3. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 1, ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the said first external screw thread ~~on the head~~ has a leading end and a trailing end and ~~the~~ said trailing end terminates in a flat end to substantially preclude engagement with a threaded member.

4. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 1, ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the said first internal screw thread for engaging on the first screw portion ~~which is configured to engage the~~ said first external thread on ~~the~~ said head and has a leading end and a trailing end, and ~~the~~ said trailing end terminates in a flat end to substantially preclude engagement with a threaded member.

5. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 1, ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the said second screw portion is integral with ~~the~~ said shaft.

6. (Currently amended) A fixation device for fixing a first member in a position relative to a second member, the fixation device ~~including~~comprising:

- (a) a shaft having a longitudinal axis and an externally threaded portion;
- (b) a head on ~~the~~ said shaft;
- (c) a first screw portion rotatable about ~~the~~ said longitudinal axis;
- (d) a second screw portion having ~~an~~ a first internal thread corresponding to said externally threaded portion ~~the shaft thread~~ and rotatable about ~~the~~ said longitudinal axis independently of ~~the~~ said first screw portion; and
- (d) a lock nut having ~~an~~ a second internal thread corresponding with said externally threaded portion ~~the shaft thread~~ and configured to maintain the position of ~~the~~ said second screw portion on ~~the~~ said shaft when the fixation device is assembled;

wherein ~~the~~said first and second screw portions each have an external screw thread configured to engage a bore formed in the first and second members thereby fixing the relative position of the members.

7. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 6, wherein ~~the~~ said first screw portion is a collar screw and assembly of the fixation device ~~includes~~comprises passing the said shaft through ~~the~~ said collar screw prior to threadedly engaging ~~the~~ said lock nut and ~~the~~ said second screw portion on ~~the~~ said shaft.

8. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 6, wherein ~~the~~ said first screw portion is a collar screw with an opening along its length for receiving a length of ~~the~~ said shaft and assembly of the fixation device includes fitting ~~the~~ said first screw portion over ~~the~~ said shaft.

9. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 6, wherein ~~the~~ said head ~~includes~~ ~~has~~ ana second external screw thread in a direction opposite to said external screw thread on ~~the~~ said first and second screw portions, and wherein ~~the~~ said first screw portion has ~~further,~~ ~~includes~~ an internal screw thread to facilitate assembly of the fixation device by screwing ~~the~~ said first screw portion over ~~the~~ said head.

10. (Currently amended) A fixation device according to claim 9, wherein ~~the~~ said second external screw thread ~~on the head~~ has a leading end and a trailing end, and wherein ~~the~~ said trailing end terminates in a flat end to substantially preclude engagement with a threaded member.

11. (Currently amended) A fixation device according to claim 9, ~~or claim 10~~ wherein ~~the~~ said internal screw thread on ~~the~~ said first screw portion ~~is for engaging~~ configured to engage ~~the~~ said second external screw thread ~~on the head~~, wherein said internal screw thread has a leading end and a trailing end, and wherein ~~the~~ said trailing end terminates in a flat end to substantially preclude engagement with a threaded member.

12. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according claim 1, ~~to anyone of the preceding claims~~ wherein the said shaft is flexible.

13. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 1, ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the first and second members are bone.

14. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 1, ~~anyone of the preceding claims~~ further including comprising a retaining screw for engaging ~~configured to engage~~ the said head, thereby retaining the fixation device within the said threaded bore, wherein said bore is threaded.

15. (Currently amended) A method of fixing a first member in a position relative to a second member, the method including the steps of:

- (a) assembling a fixation device, ~~the~~ said fixation device ~~having comprising:~~
 - (i) a shaft with a head and a longitudinal axis;
 - (ii) an external screw thread on ~~the~~ said head;
 - (iii) a first screw portion rotatable about ~~the~~ said longitudinal axis;
 - (iv) an internal screw thread on ~~the~~ said first screw portion ~~for engaging~~configured to engage the said external screw thread ~~on the head;~~
 - (v) a second screw portion rotatable about ~~the~~ said longitudinal axis independently of ~~the~~ said first screw portion; and
 - (vi) ~~an~~ a first external screw thread on the first screw portion and a second external screw thread on the second screw portions, wherein said first and second external threads are configured in a direction opposite to the direction of ~~the~~said external thread ~~on the head~~ and adapted to engage a threaded bore in the first and

second members;

wherein assembly of the fixation device includes
screwing ~~the~~said first screw portion over ~~the~~said head;

- (b) forming said threaded bore in the first and second members;
- (c) introducing the assembled fixation device into ~~the~~said threaded bore;
- (d) operating the fixation device so ~~in such a way~~ that at least one of ~~the~~said first or second screw portions rotates relative to ~~the~~ said threaded bore thereby engaging and positioning the first member relative to the second member, and
- (e) locking the fixation device in position.